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1. Airfield at Miroslav (049/S27)

This airfield, at the former German training center, was approved for two-engine aircraft of the Aero 45 type in the second half of 1949. The airfield which is devered with grass is about 1,500 m. long and about 500 - 700 m. wide. The Ministry of Transport is planning to establish a state training center on this airfield for about 100 students and construction of a new school-room for this purpose about, 25 by 15 m., was started in 1951.

The airfield guard consists of three SNB men who change duty every eight hours. They are armed with submachine guns type 23 with two to three charges and pistols, caliber 7.65, with one clip.

Airfield at Znojmo (049/S06)

There is hardly any traffic on this airfield because it is uneven, soft and damp in places. It is suitable only for landing of Piper-Cub and similar type aircraft. A plan to enlarge the airfield and build concrete runways has not been approved. The field is not guarded and has no permanent employees. A motor winch is now under construction.

Airfield at Moravska Trebova (P50/N46).

This airfield is under the administration of the KNV (Regional National Committee) Brno and is officially approved for two-engine aircraft. It is covered with grass, damp, and usually full of molehills. Landings and take-offs are difficult because of trees and electric masts near the road. There is little traffic on the airfield. It has an SNB guard, with personnel and arms like those at the Miroslav airfield (paragraphs 1). A steward lives permanently at the airfield.

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Materiel includes one Piper-Cub aircraft, property of the Sandrik plant; one Krajanek glider, one SK 23 glider, and one Baby glider, owned by the Ministry of Transport; and about 18 dismantled new gliders, type Sokol, stored here by the LET factory.

4. Airfield at Letovice (P50/N34)

This airfield was approved for use by gliders and trailers only in 1950. It is mostly covered with grass and its main runway is in the direction north-south. The airfield is to be enlarged in the direction east-west, and a new club-room is to be built soon. The airfield is not guarded and has no permanent employees. Material includes one Baby glider, one Krajanek glider, one other glider, one winch, two barographs, one parachute.

5. Airfield at Breclav (P49/S75)

Only the area covered with grass about 50 x 200 m.is used as an airfield, the rest of it is ploughed up for reasons of economy. This was done for 1951 only, and it is expected that the airfield will be put back into its original state in 1952.

Under normal conditions the airfield is suitable for aircraft of the Z 381 type. There are good possibilities for enlarging the airfield in the south where there is a grove with the water container of the city of Breclav.

6. Airfield at Vyskov (P50/N71)

The fringe of the airfield is uneven and the whole area is covered with high grass. The airfield is badly maintained and is sometimes used by military aircraft of the Cap and Piper-Cub types. Electricity and telephone were installed in the airfield guard-room. There are no permanent employees on the airfield, but the airfield is guarded by four soldiers and usually two SNB men, armed with submarkine guns type 23 with three charges and pistols, caliber 7.65.

Materiel includes three aircraft type Trainer 26, two-seaters, produced by the Zlin factory; one Cap aircraft; three Piper-Cub aircraft; four Z - 381 aircraft; 20 to 25 Z - 381 aircraft, completely new with dismantled wings, property of the civilian Aero-club; two or three Sohaj - LG 125 gliders; one Krajanek glider; one Baby glider; one glider SK 23; one ZK - 381 aircraft; and one motor winch.

7. Airfield of Hradec Kralove (051/G71)

There is one runway at this airfield; work was planned in connection with the construction of further runways. The surface of the airfield is very good, covered with grass. Dakota aircraft landed there frequently. The commanding officer of the airfield is a Russian colonel of unknown name, wearing civilian clothes, about 45, slim and bald. About 500 men are quartered in the Airforce barracks. Aircraft at the field include twelve Jack aircraft, one Cap (Stork) aircraft, and three old bombers of German type.

Training of paratroopers from the Sokol organization at Hradec Kralove, under the direction of the Regional Committee of Sokol at Hradec Kralove, is conducted by Mirek Balcar, foreman at the Skoda Works at Hradec Kralove, about 25, Communist Party member 55 persons, 6 of whom are women, participate in the training for 15 hours a week, 60 percent of which are taken up by political indoctrination.

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